



# City of La Crosse, Wisconsin

City Hall  
400 La Crosse Street  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Meeting Minutes

### Climate Action Plan Steering Committee

Monday, January 12, 2026

4:00 PM

Eagle Room

This meeting will also be conducted through video conferencing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://cityoflacrosse-org.zoom.us/j/89556262687?pwd=TmzYMQRWEj7sOuWitzv04sLbpMOYp5.1>

Meeting ID: 895 5626 2687 Passcode: 102161

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#### Call to Order

Mindel called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

#### Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Andrew Ericson, Casey Meehan, Dorothy Lenard, Lauren Fortin, Mackenzie Mindel, Natalie Heneghan

#### Approval of Minutes

Ericson made a motion, seconded by Lenard, that the Minutes be APPROVED.  
The motion carried by a voice vote.

#### Notices and Discussion

*New committee member Fortin introduced herself. Heneghan shared that Wisconsin Climate Action Navigators is holding a meeting in La Crosse on March 25-26 (<https://osce.wi.gov/Pages/WICAN/WI-Climate-Action-Navigators.aspx>). President Dickenson brought up events for Transit Equality Day on February 4th and encouraged members to watch the Board of Public Works' most recent meeting which included a presentation on the Wastewater Treatment Plant.*

#### Agenda Items:

- 1 [26-0021](#) Annual Code of Ethics Review

**Attachments:** [Code of Ethics](#)  
[Paper Certification Form](#)

The Code of Ethics were agreed to by unanimous consent.

- 2 [26-0018](#) Zoning for Climate Action Update

**Attachments:**     [Presentation](#)

*Ericson recapped the discussion and approval on the contract at the December meeting. Staff discussed operating budget funding shift from pursuing grants to pursuing zoning code update. Leslie Brandt went over the presentation slides. Ericson asked about a marsh overlay district; Friends of the Marsh has been working closely with the City on zoning for its preservation. Transit-Oriented Development falls under "options for multimodal development". Mindel suggested focusing TOD on complete and compact centers. Heneghan asked about material reuse ordinances; Brandt may be able to find some ordinances. Ericson is hoping for enclosed bike parking and making stretch code required for City incentives. President Dickenson shared that the zoning code consultants will be meeting with the Common Council and City Plan Commission in March*

- 3     [26-0010](#)     Request for funds to temporarily remove solar array on Fire Station No. 3 during roof replacement - Chief Schott

**Attachments:**     [Cost Estimate](#)

*Chief Schott provided an overview of the project and would like to replace the roof within 6 months to a year. Rather than going with the estimate from Solar Connections, staff believes that a bid or request for proposals would yield a lower cost. Ericson is concerned about the opportunity cost of missing out on other sustainability projects. Staff explained that Direct Pay incentives earned from solar panel installations in 2024, including on Fire Station, Nos. 2 and 4, could be used to finance this project. Ericson asked about using utility savings to fund this project. This item would come back if CAP implementation funds were requested.*

**Ericson made a motion, seconded by Meehan, to direct staff to work with the Fire Department to get the best bid possible.**

- 4     [26-0020](#)     Presentation of La Crosse County's Sustainability Indicators Report - Dillon Constant

**Attachments:**     [Report](#)

*Constant went over presentation slides and report.*

- 5     [26-0027](#)     Discussion on 2026 Communications Plan

**Attachments:**     [Plan](#)

*Staff went over presentation slides from Paul Nicholas.*

## Next Meeting / Agenda Items

## Adjournment

**Mindel adjourned the meeting at 5:11 PM.**

*Notice is further given that members of other governmental bodies may be present at the above scheduled meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility.*

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